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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	01/26/11

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding  
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**  
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT  
Mary Davis, LCDP 12:09 p.m. - 2:02 p.m.  
Robert Doyle, Public Member  
William Gale, LPCMH  
Dr. William Northey, LMFT  
Lisa Ritchie, LCDP  
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dean Aman, LPCMH  
Tracy Hansen, LMFT  
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**MHCDP Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2010**

The Board reviewed the October 27, 2010 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to approve the minutes with one correction. In regards to the Board adopting AMHCA's Code of Ethics, the Board is only adopting the specific portion of AMHCA's Code of Ethics relating to the closure of practice procedures. Motion unanimously carried.

**HEARING**

12:45 p.m. – Proposal to Deny Hearing – Domenica Personti

At 1:00 p.m., Dr. Walsh called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Domenica Personti. Mr. Stevenson stated the purpose of the hearing. The following documents were marked as board exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1: Notice of Hearing; Board Exhibit 2: September 22, 2010 PTD Letter; and Board Exhibit 3: Ms. Personti's application packet and supporting documents. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Stevenson verified that Ms. Personti waived her right to counsel. Ms. Personti was sworn in, presented her case, and responded to questions asked by the Board members. At 1:20 p.m., the Board went off the record to deliberate. At 1:38 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Mr. Cherneski made a motion seconded by Ms. Ritchie to withdrawal the proposal to deny and to approve licensure for Ms. Personti. Motion carried with Ms. Davis opposed and Mr. Doyle abstaining.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion from Subcommittee Meeting Regarding NAMP Revisions

Dr. Northey stated that the Subcommittee reviewed the documents NAMP submitted to the Board for review. After reviewing the documents the Subcommittee determined that NAMP is not substantially similar to the NBCC. The Subcommittee is recommending that the Board not accept NAMP certification because the Code of Ethics is not substantially similar to NBCC, as required in the regulations. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie to not accept NAMP certification. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Northey also informed the Board that Mr. Stevenson will be updating the verbage for the proposed regulatory changes. The Subcommittee recommended that the proposed draft be modified. The proposed draft will include removing "a degree in a behavioral science field" and adding "a clinical mental health counseling degree" in the current regulations. Mr. Stevenson will submit the proposed draft with the changes at the January meeting.

Discussion Regarding Previously Tabled Application for Tracey Adams

Ms. Williams informed the Board that Ms. Adams requested her application be withdrawn.

Discussion Regarding Previously Tabled Application for Barbara Boswell

Ms. Williams informed the Board that in 2006, Pennsylvania was approved by the Board as a substantially similar state. After the Board reviewed the documents submitted by Ms. Boswell, they determined that Pennsylvania is not substantially similar due to the fact that they do not require licensees to be nationally certified. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale to table Ms. Boswell's application. A letter will be sent informing her that NBCC certification is required for Delaware. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Richard Brousell's Request to be Removed from Probationary Status

The Board reviewed the new certificate of completion and course outline for the Ethic's course Mr. Brousell completed. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yocum to accept the Ethic's course and to remove Mr. Brousell from probation. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Continuing Education Documentation from Beverly Williams

The Board reviewed the continuing education documentation from Beverly Williams. Ms. Williams was granted an extension to complete her continuing education requirements. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski to accept the continuing education documents. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Leslie Binnix

The Board reviewed Leslie Binnix's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

##### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Gabrielle Klien-Fowler

The Board reviewed Gabrielle Klien-Fowler's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

##### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Norma Ringel

The Board reviewed Norma Ringel's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

##### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – JaneAnna Galli

The Board reviewed JaneAnna Galli's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Status of Complaints**

The Board scheduled a hearing for complaint 33-02-08 for January 26, 2011 at 12:45 p.m.

##### Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from the Hiebert Institute

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to approve the following CE activities for the Hiebert Institute as noted below:

HI 790: Ethical, Legal & Professional Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy (7.5 hours up to 45 hours)

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for the Board to review.

**Other Business (for discussion only)**

Ms. Davis asked the Board if it would be acceptable to send an e-mail to the Board members informing them that she is going in to private practice along with flyers regarding seasonal depression.

Mr. Yocum asked the Board if Pennsylvania requirements are the same as Delaware other than the certification requirements. Dr. Northey stated that the verbiage may be different, but the requirements must be the same in order to be substantially similar. Dr. Northey explained that when a licensee is nationally certified, they are held to a higher level of professional responsibility and it also demands a meticulous approach to education.

Ms. Williams asked the Board for clarification in regards to the LMFT exam. Currently the regulations state that a passing grade is 70%, but the testing service states that the passing grade is 66%. Dr. Northey stated that the testing service uses an adjusted score when grading the exams. He also stated that the regulations should be in order for the testing service to determine the passing score.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

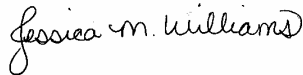
**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams  
Administrative Specialist II